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DISASTER PLAN NOW FIRMLY ESTABLISHED

Authority of SCD Upheld by Superior Court

Judge Hirt of High State Court Reverses Washington County Court and Orders Man Sentenced for Violation

Authority of the State Council of Defense to make rules and regulations for public protection was upheld by the Pennsylvania Superior Court in an opinion handed down by Judge William E. Hirt.

The ruling reversed a decision by the Washington County court which ordered Fred Reitz discharged after he was found guilty and fined for violating a rule of the SCD. The lower court held that the Act of April 13, 1942, authorizing the council to make rules and regulations, was an unconstitutional delegation of power.

The Superior Court directed the lower court to find a verdict of guilty against Reitz, and to impose sentence on him.

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OCD Consumer Survey Spurs Dress Output

Pennsylvania Consumer Chairmen were largely responsible for an increase in the production of children's and adults' cotton underwear and dresses during the coming December, January and February, according to a reliable source in the Office of Civilian Requirements of the War Production Board.

Permission was given manufacturers to produce approximately 30,000,000 items as opposed to 24,781,000 items in the June through November period of 1944. This increase in cotton garments should be reflected by better retail supplies during January, February and March, 1945, and Mrs. Conway Zirkle, Chairman Advisory Committee

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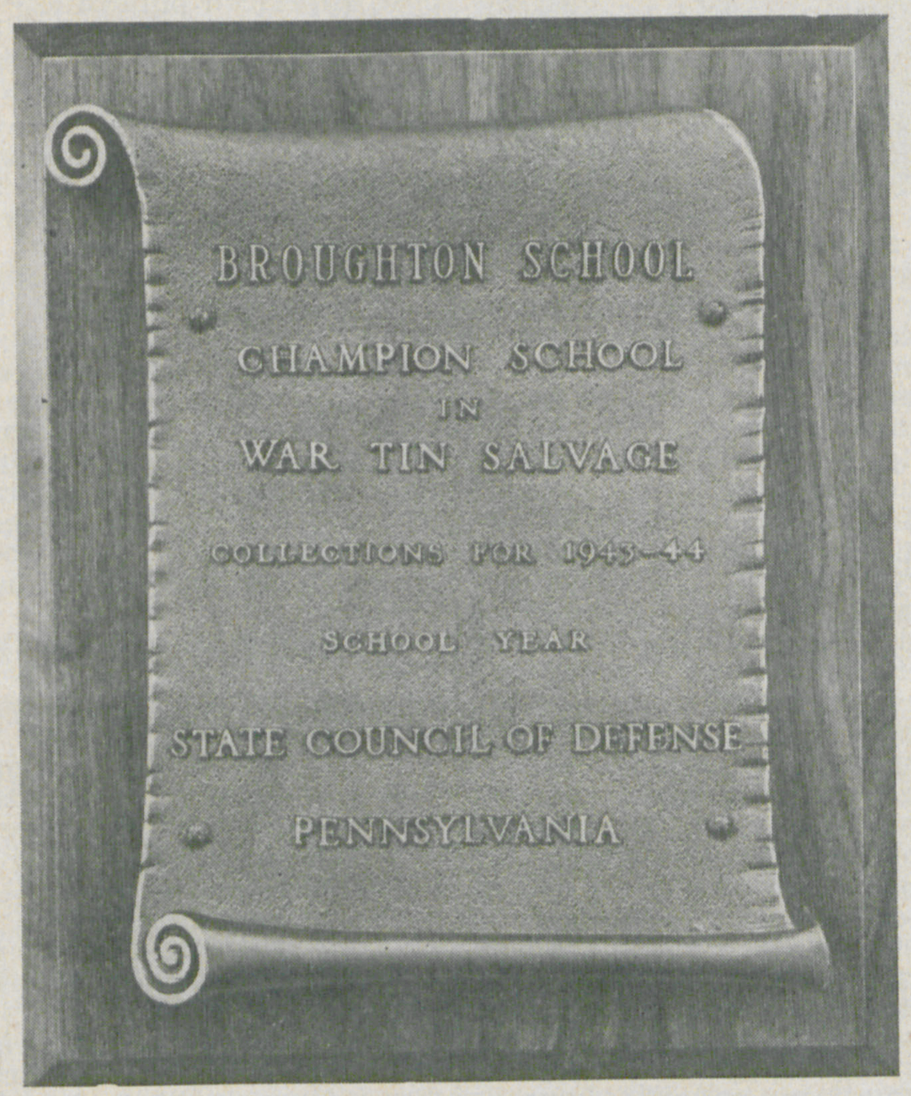
SALVAGE PLAQUE PRESENTED



Honor Tioga Co. School for Record Tin Can Collection

Impressive ceremonies held Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 31, attended by several hundred persons, marked the presentation of the 1943-1944 tin can State championship plaque, pictured above, to the Broughton School, in Delmar Township, Tioga County.

This 18-pupil school, of which Jesse Robertson, of Wellsboro, is the teacher, collected 122,937 prepared tin cans, an average of 6,830 per pupil, during the six months from Dec. 1, 1943 to May 31, 1944.

Presentation of the plaque was made by Dr. Francis B. Haas, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, who gave a patriotic address on the part played by the school children in winning the war.

Emery W. Balduf, of Washington, D. C., chief of the school and college unit of the Salvage Division, War Production Board, said that Pennsylvania's school salvage program was being widely publicized throughout the nation, and declared that the example given by the pupils of Broughton School would be an inspiration to other schools throughout the nation.

Colley S. Baker, executive secretary of the State Salvage Committee, urged the pupils to continue with even greater zeal their collections until Victory is won.

Charles Webb, chairman of the Tioga County Council of Defense, presided, and introduced Mrs. Louise Van Valkenburg, chief of the Volunteer Services, State Council of Defense; Clyde W. Bailey, Tioga County Salvage Chairman; Hon. Thomas A. Crichton, judge of the Tioga County Courts, and others.

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To Coordinate All Protective Relief Agencies

Operations of New C. D. System Will Be Directed By Col. Lynn G. Adams—Deputy State Coordinators Named

The Pennsylvania Disaster System set up under the directive of Governor Edward Martin issued on September 15, is a going concern.

The Disaster Plan which was ordered by the Governor as the supreme executive authority in Pennsylvania under the State Constitution, contemplates the coordination of all protective and relief agencies in the Commonwealth. It means the linking up of activities as occasion may require in emergency or disaster of all organizations with those objects. None is to be superceded, the function of none is to be curtailed, their operations will be coordinated.

In this notable system, the first designed so that the population of our state may have the advantage in time of disaster of the resources of the Commonwealth and its various divisions, the strong relief organizations and the Protective and War Services activities of the State Council of Defense of Pennsylvania. Elements of the system will include various departments, boards and commissions of the State Government which could contribute to the public safety and well-being in time of a disaster, as a part of the State Government will be the Governor's Disaster Emergency Committee and the State Guard; the whole organization of Civilian Defense comprising more than one million four hundred thousand men and women enrolled in Protective and War Services; the Red Cross; the organizations of Veterans which have relief, protective and other groups; and such additional agencies as may be called upon.

Operations under the Disaster Plan will be directed by Colonel Lynn G. Adams, former head of the Pennsylvania State Police, who will serve as State

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DISASTER PLAN

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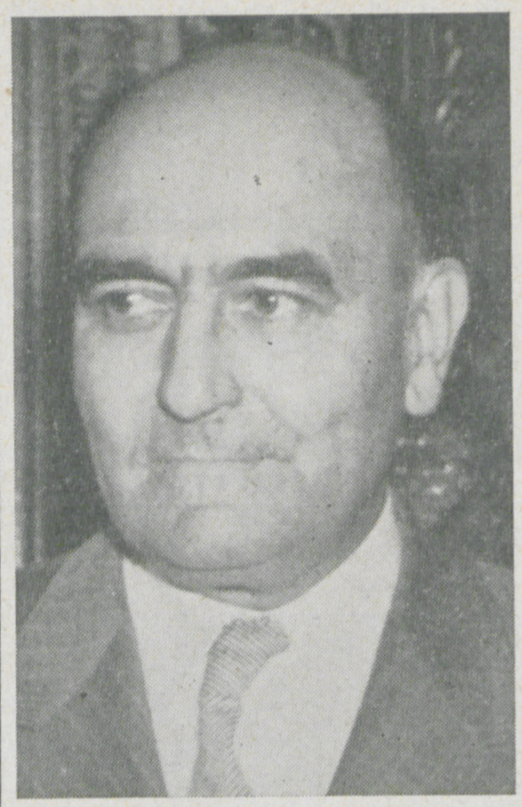
Coordinator by appointment of the Governor. He will serve without pay and will bring his vast experience in public affairs and extensive acquaintance in furtherance of the plan. Colonel Adams will have his headquarters in the State Capitol in Room 115 on the First Floor of the South Corridor. He will have three Deputy Coordinators. Ray F. Riegelmeier, Chief Air Raid Warden and Plant Protection Officer of the State Council of Defense, will be First Deputy; Colonel Leo A. Luttringer, for many years identified with the National Guard of Pennsylvania and a long time United States Purchasing and Disbursing Officer, will be Second Deputy and George I. Bloom, Secretary to the Governor, will be Third Deputy. The Chief of Staff, which will be mobilized to conduct operations in event of emergency or disaster will be A. Boyd Hamilton, Secretary of the State Council of Defense and the Deputy Director of Civilian Defense in Pennsylvania.

Colonel Adams will name a panel which will have its headquarters in the State Control Center when summoned to coordinate operations in event of disaster. This panel will include representatives of designated departments of the State Government and the various other agencies. Each one on the panel will be qualified to give information and receive directions and see that they are carried out, whether calling for men, equipment or materials. Various bureau heads of the Council of Defense and officers of the State Guard, the Red Cross and various organizations will also be members of the panel, each with assigned responsibility.

It is planned to ask county and municipal coordinators to make surveys of resources in their areas which can be made available for public benefit when called upon.

One of the first steps to be taken in connection with the set-up of the Disaster System is the organization of the Air Raid Wardens in Civilian Defense as Air Raid and Emergency Wardens. This increases the authority of this group, now numbering more than 150,000. Air Raid Wardens were among the first workers in Civilian Defense to be created and have maintained a magnificent organization all through the war period. Many of the original members have entered the Armed Forces. Opportunity will be given to those desiring to serve as Air Raid and Emergency Wardens to obtain special training which will fit them to meet any kind of a disaster. They will be given the option of a uniform and will have as insignia the time-honored and familiar red-barred armband. Auxiliary Firemen, Auxiliary Policemen, Rescue Squad members and others in the Protective Forces will remain as they are, but be integral parts of Civilian Defense in readiness to respond to any call.

State Coordinator



Colonel Lynn G. Adams

CD Party at Irwin

Over 300 members of the various Civilian Defense units of Irwin, North Irwin and North Huntingdon township enjoyed a get-together recently, featured by the showing of interesting war pictures taken by the Army, Navy and Air Force.

Clarence Schlabach acted as chairman and presented Irwin's Burgess Ross W. Allshouse, corps commander, and W. A. Helman, chairman of the CD organization, who spoke. Refreshments were served after the program.

Don't talk, "bub"; war information might get to a sub.

Food For Thought

Most Americans are resigned, if not cheerful, under the restrictions imposed by the war upon their pursuit of happiness. Some complaining is heard, nevertheless. There is murmuring at the scarcity of such things as cigarettes, whisky, chewing gum, nylon hosiery and touring gasoline. Yet these "sufferings" could be worse. If we lived in Great Britain they would be a whole lot worse.

Consider some of the wartime constraints the British endure, as listed by The Outpost, American publication over there. A citizen of that land can be prosecuted for setting out milk bottles that have not been washed; for throwing away a scrap of paper even as small as a bus ticket; for tossing a crust of bread into the garbage bin, forgetting that food costs sailors' lives.

Able-bodied civilians who drive to work, doctors and clergymen only excepted, commit misdemeanors. Those entitled to drive may be hauled into court for driving along a route served by buses or trains. And the waiting bus passenger who elbows his way aboard ahead of his turn faces a heavy penalty.

To sell an American lend-lease alarm clock to a person who has no permit to buy one is unlawful. To change jobs without Government authorization is forbidden. Likewise to ice a cake. And pub keepers who run out of stock must still keep their places open till the official closing time, since a pub, with or without drinks, is a social club needed by working people.

The moral for us Americans with our few petty wartime discomforts ought to be plain. It will be time enough for us to grouse when we are called upon for real sacrifices.

—*N. Y. Times.*

AUTHORITY OF

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Judge Hirt in his opinion said that when the Act providing for authority for the council was passed, the danger of enemy attack was real "and Pennsylvania with its capacity for the production of materials and implements of war might well have become a major target."

"From the vantage grounds of the present," Judge Hirt continued, "the judgment of the air raid warden in arresting the defendant for misconduct during a practice drill may be questioned: but whether the state, in time of war, or any other serious emergency, may protect its citizens and their property by legislation in the form prescribed."

Idle talk on the Home Front, loses lives on the Battle Front.

Greater Use Of Car Pooling Urged By OPA

OPA has launched a nation-wide drive to force greater participation in car pooling.

It is aimed—not at "A" ration drivers—but at motorists who get extra gasoline for home-to-work driving.

OPA wants them to form car pools with their neighbors, who also receive extra rations for home-to-work driving, so that through rotation each one's car need be used about one day out of five.

That is the main purpose of the drive. The reason: To conserve gasoline, tires and reduce wear on this country's dwindling supply of automobiles.

The home-to-work drivers with extra gas rations are entitled to new tires. But there are not enough tires to fill their demands.

And OPA officials estimate that 4,000 cars wear out daily. The 28,000,000 automobiles in use in 1941 have dropped to 23,000,000.

This reduction has dumped an increasingly greater burden on other kinds of transportation like street cars and busses.

But what about a motorist who get extra gas for home-to-work driving but lives in a neighborhood where there are no other motorists with whom he could form a pool?

Then OPA wants him to form a pool with his neighbors who have no cars to take them to work on the way to his own job.

OCD CONSUMER

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on Consumer Interests, requests County Consumer Chairmen to report to her if this is not so.

The spot check on availability of children's clothing made last June and later reports of specific shortages by County Consumer Chairmen gave the Office of Civilian Requirements a true hardship picture due to shortage of cotton garments, especially for children. Only cotton which can be spared from military needs is allocated for civilian use. Further informal surveys for the OCR, WPB, are in prospect.

Speaks in Mercer

Dr. Pauline Beery Mack paid a visit to Mercer County on October 23, delivering 30-minute speeches in the high schools and climaxed the day by addressing a general public meeting in the courthouse at Greenville.

Dr. Mack's talks to the school children were interesting and instructive. In addressing the public meeting she enlivened her subject—"Health and Nutrition"—with moving picture illustrations.

Define Duties of Emergency Wardens

Status of "Air Raid and Emergency Wardens" under the new Disaster Plan, was defined by Dr. Ralph Cooper Hutchison, SCD Executive Director, as follows:

I—DUTIES

A. War-Caused Emergencies
During a practice or a real air raid or blackout or any other war-caused emergency, all Wardens shall function exactly as they have done heretofore.

B. Non-War-Caused Emergencies

1. Render aid and assistance wherever possible according to the instructions and training received as an Air Raid Warden, when called to report for active duty by the proper authority.
2. In case of an emergency in his sector, the Emergency Warden will report immediately to and thereafter maintain communications with his superior officer in the Defense organization.
3. Emergency Wardens shall study their immediate area and surrounding areas to learn the general topography and to obtain knowledge of:
   a. Rivers—their sources—possible flood conditions.
   b. Dams, bridges and reservoirs.
   c. Wooded areas susceptible to spreading fires.
   d. Unsubstantial buildings.
   e. Railroad tracks, sidings, storage yards, classification yards, etc.
   f. Liquid or solid fuel storage containers.
4. Complete local plans to assist in hunting for persons and/or wrecked air planes missing in wooded or mountainous areas.
5. He will attend such drills and mobilizations as may be required. Emergency Wardens desiring to become Expert Emergency Wardens may do so by taking additional training in Auxiliary Police, Auxiliary Fire and Rescue Squad Services. This additional training is optional.

II—STRENGTH OF EMERGENCY WARDENS CORPS
The strength of the Emergency Wardens Corps in Pennsylvania will be reduced to the number actually needed, but each County and Local Council of Defense shall determine its own required strength.

III—LENGTH OF SERVICE
Each Emergency Warden will be expected to continue in the Emergency Wardens Corps for the duration of the war, or until a further directive is issued by the Governor.

IV—ORGANIZATION
The existing plan of organization of the Posts, Sectors, and Zones will be maintained for the present.

V—INSIGNIA AND UNIFORMS

A. The insignia of Emergency Wardens, which consists of a circular background of blue, having a triangle centered thereon and with alternate red and white diagonal stripes within the triangle extending from the lower left to the upper right, continues to be the insignia used by Air Raid Wardens.

B. Air Raid Wardens' Arm Bands with the insignia thereon will continue to be used when the Emergency Wardens are on duty, except when the official uniform is worn as set forth in paragraph "C" below.

C. The following uniform is optional but not required: brown coveralls with the Air Raid Warden insignia on the left chest. When the coveralls are worn with the insignia thereon, the Arm Band is not required.

D. Helmets are permissible but not required.

Instructions, relating to the optional training for Emergency Wardens to enable them to properly perform their additional duties, will be released in the near future.

Function of Civilian Defense in the State Emergency Disaster Plan

The Disaster Plan of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is probably the most extensive and effective in America, a pioneer experiment which is being watched with keen interest by other states. It grew out of Civilian Defense and is based on the philosophy that the protection of life and property afforded in war disasters should be guarded in all disasters of any kind whatsoever. Furthermore, the Plan will use Civilian Defense in every appropriate detail.

However, it is not Civilian Defense as controlled by Civilian Defense. It is the State, Counties and Municipalities organized through their original authorities and their constituted officers. These authorities appoint coordinates to represent them in disasters and to exercise a coordinating responsibility which is constitutionally theirs and which can not be delegated elsewhere. The agencies offering their fullest assistance and which must be coordinated include State Departments, County and Municipal Departments, Civilian Defense, Red Cross and all other agencies operating in emergency. In summary, the coordinating responsibilities assigned by legislative action to Civilian Defense in war-caused emergencies, is in non-war-caused disasters retained by the civil authorities where it always was heretofore. Civilian Defense so long as it or any part of it exists, becomes one of the cooperating agencies which will be used to the fullest extent of its facilities.

Ralph Cooper Hutchison

Instructions Now Given Inductees in High School

Pre-induction meetings are on the decline due to the fact that from 75 to 80 percent of the inductees now being called are drawn from the 18 to 20 year age group, reports Mrs. Helen M. Spofford, Chief of Special Activities, War Services.

These boys come right out of high school where they have been receiving the special instruction in pre-induction procedure offered through the High School Victory Corps. Therefore, the need for the type of Pre-Induction Information meetings the SCD division has been holding may have changed and where this is the case it is recommended that Chairmen get in touch with their School Superintendent and make certain that the school program covers this service. The Navy is calling a large quota for the coming year.

The new film "Introduction to the Armed Forces" is now available through the Third Service Command.

Harrisburg Hospital Given Canned Goods

During its six weeks of operation, a total of 1425 jars of vegetables and fruits were canned at the Harrisburg Food Conservation Kitchen. Mrs. Melvin Stewart was chairman of the project.

Hundreds of persons from the Harrisburg area were given aid at the kitchen and hundreds more received aid over the telephone. The kitchen donated 75 jars of canned goods, that had been put aside as a "food bank", to the Harrisburg Hospital.

Chairmen of all Councils of Defense should take immediate steps to cull their records and reduce the total number of wardens to the minimum strength required.

Study Plans To Aid Veterans

The State Department of Public Instruction has appointed a "Committee on Veterans' Rehabilitation and Education" to study plans for Veterans' and to serve as the basis for coordination between the several agencies now making their services and facilities available.

Mrs. Walter Spofford has been serving on this committee representing the State Council of Defense. The committee is preparing a comprehensive Handbook describing the services available to Veterans, suggested plan for organizing Community Service Centers and all types of information for Guidance Counsellors. This Handbook has been approved by the Education Congress of 1944 and should be available within a few weeks.

Hold Institutes

Regional Institutes are being held all over the State for School Superintendents and heads of Secondary Schools, led by State officials in charge of the four official agencies designated by law to render specific services to Veterans—Selective Service, War Manpower Commission, U. S. Employment Service, Veterans Administration and Bureau of Rehabilitation of the Pa. State Department of Labor and Industry.

Schools of the State should be well qualified to assist in this broad service available to all men and women coming out of the Armed Services. Intelligent guidance and sympathetic counselling can help immeasurably in returning the Veteran to normal peacetime activities.

CDVO REVIEW

Service Bar Awards given out to date in 44 counties total 39,343, Mrs. E. Louise VanValkenburg, CDVO Chief of SCD announces.

CDVO is continuing to "hold the line", furnishing many workers for the War Fund Drive and the Sixth War Loan campaign.

Reading CDVO has made a total of 5236 placements to date. A successful experience in working with various agencies is reported.

Mrs. Paul L. Grambs, Executive Director of the Pittsburgh CDVO, was a visitor at the State Council headquarters Monday, October 23.

Mrs. VanValkenburg attended a Red Cross Disaster Plan Institute in Pittsburgh recently. Mayors and CD chairmen from the western part of the state attended.

The Citizens Service Corps of the Philadelphia Council of Defense will honor an additional group of 700 men and women at ceremonies to be held Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 3 p. m. in City Hall, at which service bars will be presented. The Philadelphia Corps has an enrollment of more than 9100 men and women and service bars previously have been awarded to some 1700 volunteers.

May Inherit CD Equipment

Under a bill introduced in Congress by Rep. Kearney, of Gloversville, N. Y., volunteer civilian defense workers would be allowed to retain possession, after the war, of all equipment issued to them for personal use by the Federal Government. The bill has met with favor from Congressmen and from civic organizations.

Styled HR 5429, the bill reads:

"A Bill to permit civilian defense volunteers to retain on the cessation of civilian defense activities certain equipment by the United States.

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that each civilian defense volunteer who has in his possession any civilian defense equipment owned by the United States, which has been issued for his personal use, shall be entitled to retain such equipment as his own property on and after the date of the cessation of the civilian defense activity with which he is connected."

Joint Nutrition Rally Success

Representatives from every county in the Commonwealth attended a highly successful joint nutrition meeting of the Pennsylvania Nutrition Council and the State Council of Defense held at the Hall of the House of Representatives, Harrisburg, September 22 and 23.

Mrs. Worthington Scranton, State Commander of War Services, and Dr. Pauline Beery Mack, Director of Nutrition, State Council of Defense presented various phases of the nutrition program of the State Council of Defense. They were assisted by a typical Pennsylvania war family, a group of school children with different types of nutritional status and members of the War Services Staff.

Mrs. Anna dePlanter Bowes, Chairman, Pennsylvania Nutrition Council for the past two years, featured accomplishments at the County level. Chairmen of Nutrition Committees in Allegheny, Berks, Butler, Cambria, Delaware, Huntingdon, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lehigh, Montgomery, Philadelphia, Washington and York Counties gave brief descriptions of effective phases of nutrition work in their area.

Internationally well known lecturers and authors presented at the various sessions included Dr. Margaret Mead, famous anthropologist, Dr. Herbert T. Kelly, Dr. Mark Braubard and Mrs. T. T. Lew of China. Mrs. Edward Martin was guest of honor at the last session, a luncheon at The Civic Club of Harrisburg.

Block Plan Leader

Mrs. C. E. Carothers is the energetic Chairman of the Block Plan in Washington County. Assisting Mrs. Carothers are 1484 Workers.

Call for Volunteers Sounded by CDVO Chief

Appeals for volunteers have not ceased, according to Mrs. E. Louise VanValkenburg, Chief of the Citizens Service Corps and Volunteer Offices of SCD.

Mrs. VanValkenburg has called upon Councils of Defense to remind their people and those outside the folds that CDVO has many opportunities to offer.

Typists, clerks, hostesses, receptionists and telephonists are needed NOW.

GI CANVASS TOTALS BY COUNTIES

Final results of Military Ballot Information Canvass conduc by Councils of Defense June 14 to July 6, 1944:

Counties	Total	Percentage of Population	Counties	Total	Percentage of Population
Adams	2,754	6.53	Lackawanna	16,500	5.47
Allegheny	82,267	5.78	Lancaster	11,343	5.33
Armstrong	5,503	6.78	Lawrence	6,504	6.60
Beaver	10,629	6.78	Lebanon	4,617	6.35
Bedford	2,059	5.00	Lehigh	11,802	6.64
Berks	12,600	5.21	Luzerne	24,020	5.44
Blair	8,921	6.35	Lycoming	5,530	5.90
Bradford	2,616	5.17	McKean	3,363	5.95
Bucks	5,560	5.16	Mercer	3,230	3.23
Butler	5,795	6.62	Mifflin	2,280	5.31
Cambria	14,046	6.55	Monroe	1,779	5.99
Cameron	408	6.00	Montgomery	20,273	7.01
Carbon	5,122	8.30	Montour	748	4.85
Centre	3,500	6.65	Northampton	10,221	6.05
Chester	7,771	5.73	Northumberland	7,383	5.82
Clarion	2,160	5.62	Perry	607	2.51
Clearfield	6,272	6.81	Philadelphia	80,000	4.14
Clinton	2,278	6.60	Pike	514	6.94
Columbia	2,650	5.15	Potter	1,198	6.58
Crawford	3,493	4.87	Schuylkill	15,606	6.83
Cumberland	4,002	5.35	Snyder	837	4.12
Dauphin	12,121	6.83	Somerset	5,106	6.01
Delaware	18,789	6.04	Sullivan	485	6.46
Elk	2,530	7.35	Susquehanna	1,600	4.73
Erie	10,244	5.66	Tioga	1,967	5.52
Fayette	12,603	6.27	Union	725	3.58
Forest	359	6.30	Venango	3,357	5.41
Franklin	3,540	5.10	Warren	2,198	5.14
Fulton	130	1.22	Washington	13,897	6.59
Greene	2,276	5.10	Wayne	1,867	6.24
Huntingdon	2,430	5.81	Westmoreland	18,625	6.10
Indiana	4,391	5.50	Wyoming	692	4.13
Jefferson	927	1.71	York	8,313	4.67
Juniata	850	5.55	GRAND TOTAL—548,882		

Urge Victory Gardeners to Clear Their Land

Preliminary reports on damage to Pennsylvania farm and garden crops last summer by the European corn borer gathered from a state-wide survey to determine the extent of spread and infestation, show that Victory gardeners should give immediate attention to clearing their land of all heavy plant stalks and corn stubble.

The warning came from the Bureau of Plant Industry, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, whose inspectors soon will complete their annual survey of infestation. There are indications that in some counties the double-brood borer spread extensively. In others there was little or no increase. The extent of new territory invaded by the pest will not be known until the survey is completed.

Victory gardeners who grew corn last summer are urged to make a final visit to their plots and pull up or cut all stalks close to the ground and burn the refuse, including all heavy-stemmed plants and weeds. Farmers can aid in control work by finely shredding the fodder or plowing down stalks and stubble to a depth of at least six inches, smothering the borers which otherwise would live over winter and add to crop losses next year.

Bucks Co. Housing Unit Has Active Warden Group

Civilian Defense is very much on the job in Lacey Park, Warminster Township, Bucks County, the largest Federal housing project in the State, reports Mrs. Francis S. Tucker, consultant of the SCD Bureau of Child Care, who recently spoke at a child care meeting there.

Mrs. Tucker attended a supper held by the Air Raid Wardens of the project. In the center of the table was a large, decorated cake with "Civilian Defense" written on it.

There are 10 Air Raid Wardens, under the leadership of Frank Sherwood, who meet every week, together with five high school boys who are messengers. Money is now being raised for a Service Flag and Honor Roll, there being over 70 men and women from families in the project now in the Armed Forces. A dedication service is being planned.

Visit SCD Offices

Offices of the State Council of Defense were visited by Major Hugh J. Ryan and Acting City Engineer S. F. Heffner of the City of Bradford, both have been active in Civilian Defense in the McKean County city.

6 More Plants Receive Awards

During the month of October, six plants in Pennsylvania held ceremonies for the presentation of the National Security Award which was granted for the establishment and maintenance of a superior plant protecting organization. They were:

The Atlas Powder Company, Reynolds Works, Tamaqua; Taylor Fibre Company, Betzwood, Norristown; Nice Ball Bearing Company, Philadelphia; Spang - Chalfant Company, Ambridge; Superior Tube Company, Evansburg; Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, Homewood Plant, Pittsburgh.

A total of 50 plants has been officially presented with the National Security Award to date, and 15 additional plants have been approved but have not yet held their presentation ceremonies.

Ray F. Riegelmeier, Plant Protection Officer, State Council of Defense, stated that the latest approvals from Washington included the Henry Disston and Sons Company, Philadelphia, The Harrisburg Gas Company, Harrisburg and The Reading Water Bureau, Reading.

Food Conversation Center Big Help to Community

The following letter from a rural community was received by Mrs. W. D. Phillips, Nutrition Chairman for Washington County:

"I will tell you some of the things we feel have been accomplished other than the preserving of more than 2600 cans of fruits and vegetables. In all of our classes special emphasis was placed on nutrition, essential foods and their relation to health, balanced meals, need of good breakfasts and use of food in place of medicine. Many women canned who had never canned before. One woman came 12 miles to our Canning Center. Ten young girls who knew nothing of canning came in.

"In some cases where the mother in the home was ill, the men of the family gathered the fruits and vegetables and brought them to the Center and we canned them. It was a gesture of kindness and helpfulness to be sure. Surplus canning was done for church dinners, etc. I think it is one of the finest projects our community ever sponsored. Many of our ladies never knew anything much about nutrition, and our young women will have a knowledge of such things when they become homemakers. We had ladies of all churches in the town as well as farm ladies not affiliated with any particular church. It has been a decided success."

Three Counties Get Awards For Salvage Efforts

Championship pennants have been presented to three county salvage chairmen for the months of July, August and September as joint awards by the Advisory Committee on Salvage of the State Council of Defense and the Salvage Division of the War Production Board to counties that collected the greatest number of pounds of waste paper per capita.

The September pennant, awarded to the Salvage Committee of Lehigh County, was presented on Saturday, Nov. 4, to Chairman Roy Hefflefinger with ceremonies arranged by General Frank D. Beary, at the Germania Hotel, Allentown. The presentation was made by Chairman Warren R. Roberts, of the Advisory Committee on Salvage. Lehigh County collected 1,593 tons of waste paper in September for an average of 18 pounds per capita.

The August championship pennant, won by Northumberland County, which collected an average of 18.4 pounds of paper per capita, was presented to Co-Chairman W. S. Minnier and Richard Jones at ceremonies held in the court house at Sunbury. The presentation was made by Colley S. Baker, executive secretary of the State Salvage Committee, and James W. Stewart, WPB regional salvage manager.

Dr. L. H. Blose, chairman of the Allegheny County Salvage Committee, was presented with the July championship pennant at a dinner given in his honor at the William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh. Allegheny County's average for July was 17.8 pounds per capita. Presentation of the pennant was made by Mr. Baker.

A championship pennant is awarded each month to the Salvage Committee of the county that collects the greatest number of pounds of waste paper per capita, and a special citation is given to each Salvage Committee that collects an average of 12½ pounds or more per capita.

Nov. 15 Deadline for School Salvage Reports

Reports will be received by the Advisory Committee on Salvage from county salvage chairmen until Nov. 15 on school collections of waste paper in compensation for two silver cups awarded by the committee for October collections.

One cup will be presented to the school that collected the greatest number of pounds of paper, and the second to the school that collected the greatest number of pounds per enrolled pupil in October.

HONOR SCHOOL—

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Music was furnished by the Wellsboro High School Band.

Schools Win Pennants

New tin can salvage pennants were awarded to schools in 40 counties for collections of prepared tin cans in September.

The new pennants which are entirely different from the red and white salvage flags given last year, are navy blue, and in addition to the State coat of arms in white, contain the words "Tin Salvage, 1944-45."

There is one pennant for each county, and it is awarded monthly to the school in that county that collects the greatest number of prepared tin cans per enrolled pupil during the preceding month.

The pennant becomes the property of the school that during the school year collects the greatest number of prepared cans per enrolled pupil.

Frank R. Fish, of the Department of Public Instruction, is the schools salvage chairman in charge of the schools collections throughout the State in cooperation with the State Salvage Committee.

Denies Army is Hoarding Food

At the National Victory Garden Institute held recently in New York, an officer from the Office of the Quartermaster General declared:

"Talk of a quick victory and surpluses of war materials have created the impression that the Army is buying and hoarding vast stocks of food for which there is now need and that there is danger of such stocks being dumped on the markets in the event of an early peace.

"As a matter of fact, if the Army's food stocks could be transferred over night to the American pantry shelves there would not be enough to last the civilian population of the nation a single week."

Victory Gardens were planted this year by the Quartermaster's office employes, the officer stated in urging that there be no let down in the production of food. Gardens were given more attention overseas. In England last year the Americans had more than 14,000 acres under cultivation, he revealed.

In Williamsport, the work of city canners, particularly those who used the three Canning Centers, was displayed recently at St. Marks' Lutheran Church Parish House in a Victory Garden and Food Conservation exhibit.

Buy War Bonds

Current Salvage Needs

TIN CANS—The necessity for the collection of prepared tin cans for detinning is greater today than at any time since the beginning of the war. Weekly, semi-monthly or monthly collections should be made in every community and the cans promptly shipped to detinning plants.

WASTE PAPER—Acute shortage of waste paper continues. Pennsylvania to Oct. 1 had collected only 68 percent of its 600,000-ton quota for the year. The State's paper mills, with meager inventories, are running under capacity for lack of waste paper.

USED FATS—Kitchen fats continue to be urgently needed. Two red ration points and 4 cents per pound are being given housewives who turn in fats to meat dealers.

RAGS—Rags are still needed for many purposes and should be collected.

IRON AND STEEL—The demand for iron and steel scrap has relaxed to a considerable extent during recent weeks. However, there is a market for heavy scrap in many localities.

Collect 64,477 Tons of Materials in Lancaster

The Salvage Committee of the Lancaster County Council of Defense, in a report of its activities to Sept. 1, prepared by Earl F. Rebman, chairman, shows that since its organization in January, 1942, has collected 64,477 tons of materials, an average of 586 pounds for every person in the county.

From the sale of donated salvage the committee realized $82,342.94 in cash. This money was shared by the Councils of Defense, Red Cross, Air Raid Wardens, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Smokes for Yanks, Infantile Paralysis Fund, city and county schools, Blind Association, Child Care Center and the Salvation Army.

"The Salvage Committee does not receive a penny for any expense and wants none," wrote Chairman Rebman.

Among the many outstanding achievements of the committee was the collection of 1,000 tons of iron and steel scrap in a single day on Sunday, Sept. 13, 1942.

Collections this year to Sept. 1 were: waste paper, 10,415 tons; tin cans, 308 tons; scrap metal, 6,522 tons; waste fats, 219,985 pounds; rags, 1,308,351 pounds; rubber, 68,542 pounds.

ADAMS APPOINTED

Col. Lynn G. Adams, SCD Commander of Protective Services, has been appointed as a Colonel, G-2, in the Pennsylvania State Guard. The new assignment will not affect his present duties with the State Council.

Stresses Need For Salvage of Waste Paper

Warren R. Roberts, chairman of the Advisory Committee on Salvage of the State Council of Defense, has made an appeal to Councils of Defense and their Salvage Committees throughout the State to exert greater efforts in waste paper collection in November and December in order that Pennsylvania may meet its quota for the year of 600,000 tons.

"The current war material situation makes it imperative that we redouble our efforts for the collection of waste paper," said Mr. Roberts. "It is still the nation's No. 1 critical war material."

"Pennsylvania's Salvage Committees in the first nine months of this year collected 401,586 tons of waste paper. A grand job has been done by most of the committees, but there are still some communities in which waste paper is not being collected regularly.

"It has been our experience that the counties in which weekly collections are held get the most paper. Excellent results also are being obtained by semi-monthly collections. No community is too small for monthly collections.

"We have been advised that Pennsylvania has led all other states in waste paper collections. That is as it should be, for Pennsylvania's own paperboard mills need many hundreds of tons of waste paper every day to maintain full production on war orders.

"We take considerable pride in the Council of Defense's salvage program over a period of almost three years. We have stood at the top in most efforts, and I am most anxious that when 1944 ends we shall have met our waste paper quota and stand first among all the other states in this vital war effort."

Exhibit on Repair of Men's Suits Available

An exhibit of repairs to men's suits has been arranged by Miss Janet Soisson of State College, OCD Consumer Chairman for Centre County.

Re-weaving of small holes, repairs to trouser cuffs, pockets, re-treading seats and elbows and renewing worn coat and cuff edges are shown, so that any woman who can sew at all will know just what to do.

Councils interested in having this exhibit shown in their locality should write to Mrs. Conway Zirkle, Chairman Advisory Committee on Consumer Interests, SCD.

It is another effort by the State Consumer Committee in its program of conservation of human and physical resources, and encouragement of thrift.

To Open 10 More Child Care Centers in State

Mrs. Benjamin Ludlow announces that the SCD Children's Bureau has drafted plans to establish 10 additional Child Care Centers throughout Pennsylvania to provide supervision of infants while their mothers work in war plants.

Two Centers will be opened in Scranton and one each in Chester, Pottstown and Hatboro. A shortage of supervisors has temporarily delayed opening a Center in Pittsburgh and four others in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Ludlow reports that there are now 72 Centers operating in 17 communities with a total enrollment of 1769.

North'd. Co. Has Active Animal Protection Unit

Northumberland County Council of Defense boasts an Animal Protection Division, headed by Ralph H. Poore, that has been doing an outstanding job.

Through the medium of the AAA and Farm Bureau; Mr. Poore's Division placed in the homes of 2200 farmers pamphlets dealing with the care of horses under war-time conditions and handling of farm livestock and poultry under war emergency.

In the larger towns of the county, 30,000 pamphlets, "Care of Small Animals Under War Conditions," and "You Can Help Your Air Raid Warden," were distributed. These pamphlets were furnished by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Philadelphia, of which Mr. Poore is a volunteer representative.

Emphasize WPB Yule Light Ban

Even though SCD has announced that outside Christmas decorative lighting is again permissable this year, Dr. Ralph Cooper Hutchison, Executive Director, has urged that consideration be given the War Production Board's recent request that communities and individuals refrain from outside Yuletide lighting.

Teen Age Center Cuts Town's Juvenile Crimes 80 Percent

Enthusiastic Endorsement of Youth Movement Received From Lehighton Leader — Other Teen-Age Highlights.

Happy Group of Teen-Agers

Above is pictured a gathering of young people in the parlor and lounge of the Lehighton Youth Center. Expressions on the faces of the teen-agers reflect their joy at having their own gathering place.

"Our Center has proved its worth. Juvenile crimes have been reduced 80 percent."

This unqualified endorsement of Teen-Age Centers is contained in a letter received from Wilbur G. Warner, Lehighton postmaster and chairman of the youth program in that community, by Harry Hirsch, Director of SCD's Teen-Age program. The Lehighton Center has made a request for needed equipment from the State Council.

Stating that the lunch bar pays the overhead and the entire activities are supervised by volunteer help, Mr. Warner describes the Lehighton Center's activities as follows:

"The actual government is divided into three parts. The Board of Directors, composed of adults of the various civic groups, overseas finances and care of the building; a mother's auxiliary acts as instructors and as hostesses each night, standing by to assist and advise, and finally, a Youth Council, with a Mayor, Chief of Police, Board of Health and City Council, patterned after municipal government, passes rules, tax laws and officially run and control the activities of the Youth Center. Members from six to twelve are called "Junior Citizens," and have no voting privileges; those from 13 to 19 are "Senior Citizens," with full voting privileges, electing their officials each six months at regular elections, by printed ballot.

"Under the above plans and with such fine facilities, Lehighton's Youth Center can only go on and on, doing good and teaching its members how to live with one another."

Director Hirsch is confident that his announced goal of 35 Teen-Age Centers in operation by January 1, will be reached. He reports the movement is gaining momentum throughout the entire State with inquiries regarding the program and the financial aid available from the State Council, being received in each day's mail. Mr. Hirsch, himself, is on the road almost constantly conferring with groups interested in the movement from one end of the state to the other. Every request is being met as promptly as possible.

Following are a few highlights of the Teen-Age reports pouring into State headquarters:

Bellefonte

Teen-Agers of Bellefonte have started a movement for establishing a Center. With the cooperation of Mrs. M. H. Scott, CD chairman, and Mrs. Frasen, an adult committee was organized with representatives of local service clubs, fraternal organizations and civic clubs of the community. At a large and enthusiastic meeting held recently Mr. Hirsch was present and outlined in detail SCD's economical plan of operation. A location was decided upon and since then the Teen-Agers have been busy cleaning and painting the Center.

Nanticoke

Nanticoke has established a Teen-Age Center in an unused NYA workshop, an ideal location. The School Board gave the site to the adult organizing committee rent, light and heat free.

Shickshinny

Shickshinny has developed a card system, by which the host or hostess on duty at their Center, can check in the time of arrival and departure of the Teen-Agers.

Huntingdon

The adult organizinz committee of Huntingdon had three desirable locations offered to them rent free to house the Center there.

Weatherly

Town officials of Weatherly have contributed a large pavilion situated in the town's beautiful pleasure park, for use as a Center rent and light free. Teen-Agers are refurnishing and equipping the Center with funds raised by them for this purpose.

Montgomery County

Mrs. Towne, Field Representative, War Service Division, reports interest in Teen-Age on the increase in Montgomery County.

Students of four schools, Red Hill, East Greenville, Perkiomen and Pennsburg presented their plans for a Center at a recent adult meeting.

The Lansdale Recreation Committee has applied for a charter, a location has been found and students are busy cleaning up prior to the opening. They have planned a Tag Day to raise their initial funds.

The newly organized west Conshohocken Youth Center is proving a huge success. There is paid supervision.

Souderton reports the reopening of the Teen-Age program using high school facilities. West Norriton is also off to a good start.